

## **JUNE 2021 QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

A. Grant/IAG No.: **00D97919**

Principal Investigator: **Lifecycle Building Center, Inc. (LBC)**

1. What work was accomplished for this reporting quarter?

**Invest Atlanta (IA) has provided significant support with project coordination and strategy and has helped LBC launch a formal Workforce Development Committee (WDC). During this reporting period, LBC hosted a strategy session to identify organizations and individuals who can bring needed skills, connections, resources and expertise, and a framework for expanding LBC's workforce development training program was developed. This framework was also reviewed with members of LBC's board and advisory board and will be formally presented to LBC's board of directors in late August 2021.**

**IA has also connected LBC with the nonprofit RestoreHER ([www.restoreher.us/](http://www.restoreher.us/)), which supports women in transition from incarceration through housing and job training. RestoreHER has developed a new program to build starter homes for women returning to the workforce at a purchase price of \$100,000 or less. LBC will be providing donated building materials for this initiative and providing deconstruction training for the women participating in this transitional program. Our goal is to identify a minimum of 10 trainees from this program by September 2021.**

**With support from a member of the Atlanta Police Foundation's board, LBC is working with the At-Promise Center to identify youth from SW Atlanta communities who are interested in receiving deconstruction training and exploring a career path in deconstruction. Our goal is to identify a minimum of 10 trainees through this effort by October 2021.**

**LBC is also developing an educational session about deconstruction and reuse for participants in the Construction Ready training program provided by the Construction Education Foundation of Georgia (CEFGA). The first of these educational sessions is expected to occur in October 2021.**

**LBC is also working with the City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of Sustainability to identify an existing structure to use as a deconstruction training site. The goal will be to deconstruct one of the following types of buildings located in SW Atlanta: 1) a small commercial structure, 2) a small apartment building or 3) an underutilized church. Building components within the structure will be deconstructed as part of an adaptive reuse project to renovate and convert the building into a food market in order to address food insecurity challenges that are so prevalent throughout SW Atlanta.**

**With the support of these partners, this initiative will exemplify an ideal "triple bottom line" approach by generating significant environmental, economic and social benefits.**

**LBC has also continued to pursue the additional funding needed for this project. A funding request of \$25,000 was submitted during this reporting period to the Woodward Foundation, and a letter of inquiry request was submitted to the Merancas Foundation. IA is also looking at providing direct funding for this initiative.**

**2. What problems (or sources of error), if any, were encountered?**

**During this reporting period, LBC was completing an organizational restructuring effort, which has resulted in 8 new staff members being hired between March and June of 2021. LBC has also been in the process of finalizing construction planning for major renovations to its warehouse facility, which began on August 2, 2021. Due to both cost escalation and unanticipated conditions found within LBC's 100-year-old facility, the project budget was increased significantly, and additional capital fundraising is currently underway. All of these efforts have demanded a significant amount of the LBC Executive Director's time, and have resulted in very limited staff time being devoted to the deconstruction training program.**

**3. If a problem was encountered, what action was taken to correct it?**

**A major portion of our fundraising efforts in 2021 have focused on securing support to hire a full-time Workforce Development & Volunteer Coordinator position. This position was identified as a critical component as we work to expand our deconstruction training program in order to ensure that adequate staff time can be devoted to this initiative.**

**4. What work is projected for the new quarter activity?**

**The following tasks have been identified for the upcoming quarter:**

- Meet with Georgia Works! to develop approach for identifying potential deconstruction trainee candidates**
- Work with WDC finalize LBC's workforce development program expansion plan**
- Secure LBC board approval of plan**
- Work with WDC to organize working session(s) with Build Reuse and allied industry stakeholders such as construction, demolition, residential remodeling & C&D recycling**
- Execute educational sessions about deconstruction with CEFGA workforce trainees & identify potential trainee candidates**
- Secure funding commitment to hire full-time workforce development staff role at LBC**

**5. Is the project work on schedule?**

**Yes, however, it is unlikely that we will secure funding for a full-time workforce development staff role until December 2021.**

**(a) This quarter?**

**Yes.**

**(b) For the project?**

**Yes.**

6. Does the project funding rate support the work progress?

**Yes, however, we still have approximately \$10,000 remaining to raise for the project.**

7. What has been spent to date?

**\$2,447.00**

8. Has a quarterly voucher been submitted for reimbursement? A copy should be attached to the quarterly report.

**Yes, our Form SF-425 is attached.**

9. Is there a change in principal investigator?

**No.**

10. If this is a multi-year project with multiple budget periods, has a request been submitted for a funding amendment?

**N/A**